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RESTORING YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGES

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As Secretary of State, I realize that the loss of driving privileges can cause great hardship for many individuals. Under Illinois law, drivers may apply for reinstatement or a Restricted Driving Permit under certain conditions.

This brochure provides information about the reinstatement process and phone numbers of Secretary of State hearing officer locations statewide.

I assure you it is my top priority that only responsible, qualified drivers will have their driving privileges reinstated.

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TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) — A device that requires a driver to take a breath test and prevents the vehicle from starting if a certain level of alcohol is detected. A person issued an RDP who has received, in separate occurrences, either: two or more DUI convictions; or, within 10 years, one DUI conviction and one or more statutory summary suspensions, or two or more statutory summary suspensions, is only allowed to drive a vehicle equipped with a BAIID. An exception is allowed for a vehicle owned by the person's employer and used for employment purposes only. Additionally, any person who has two or more ILLINOIS DUI convictions also is required to install a BAIID for 12 consecutive months on all vehicles owned by that person.

DUI disposition — A conviction, an implied consent or a statutory summary suspension for driving under the influence, reckless homicide or fatal accident if alcohol/drugs were shown to be a factor.

Consultation — First step in applying for reinstatement of driving privileges or an RDP after suspension or revocation. Consultation takes place with an informal hearing officer, who reviews the applicant's driving record and explains the documents required to apply for reinstatement of driving privileges or an RDP.

Denial — Refusal of any request for reinstatement or an RDP.

Eligibility date — Date a driver can be considered for reinstatement following revocation or extension order. If "proj. elig." indicates N/A, the driver is ineligible for reinstatement or an RDP.

Formal hearing — Required for a driver whose privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense(s) involving a fatality or multiple DUI dispositions. A formal hearing must be requested in writing along with a $50 filing fee.

Informal hearing — Required for a driver whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense not involving a fatality or for a single DUI disposition. Held on a walk-in basis.

Proof of financial responsibility — Required before reinstatement or issuance of an RDP. Must be filed with the Secretary of State's office in the form of a certified policy of insurance, cash deposit or surety bond, and must be maintained for three years. Coverage must be for at least $20,000 for one person killed or injured; $40,000 for two or more killed or injured; and $15,000 for property damages. Insurance must be submitted on an SR-22 certificate.

Restricted Driving Permit (RDP) — Partial restoration of driving privileges, which allows a person to drive in certain areas, hours and days for employment, medical or educational purposes when no other form of transportation is available. The driver must prove a hardship exists and submit proof of employment, support/recovery group meetings, need for medical care, or an educational verification form and class schedule. A person under statutory summary suspension for a second or third DUI within five years of the previous one is not eligible for relief during the period of suspension. If convicted and imprisoned for reckless homicide or aggravated DUI that was a proximate cause of a death, no relief may be given until 24 months after release from imprisonment. If convicted of DUI a second or third time, no relief is allowed for one year from the effective date of the last revocation. Drivers under age 21 convicted for DUI are not eligible for an RDP until one year from the effective date of revocation.

Revocation — Loss of driving privileges for an indefinite period. A driver may apply for an RDP but cannot apply for reinstatement until eligible. To regain driving privileges, a driver must meet certain legal and administrative requirements. After a fourth or subsequent DUI conviction, no relief for life.

Reinstatement — Full restoration of driving privileges. Allows driving at any time and anywhere, provided the driver has obtained a valid driver's license and is not suspended/revoked or withdrawn in another state.

Statutory Summary Suspension — Administrative suspension of driving privileges resulting from a DUI arrest. A BAC of .08 percent or more, any trace of impairing drugs, or failure to complete or refusal to test for alcohol or other drugs results in an automatic suspension, effective the 46th day the notice is given. This is separate from other criminal charges filed against the driver.

Suspension — Loss of driving privileges for a period of time, generally not more than a 12-month period. A person may apply for an RDP to drive during a suspension; however, certain suspensions may not allow for an RDP.

Informal Hearing Officer Locations

Please call the Secretary of State Driver Services facility of your choice to confirm the availability of an informal hearing officer.

Primary Informal Hearing Officer Locations
(3 or more days a week)

Belleville	400 W. Main	618-236-8778
Bloomington	1510 W. Market St.	309-827-3531
Bradley	1111 Blatt	815-933-1713
Carbondale	2516 W. Murphysboro Rd.	618-457-0488
Champaign	2401 W. Bradley Ave.	217-278-3352
Joliet	54 N. Ottawa St., 4th Fl.	815-740-7166
LaSalle	536 Third St.	815-223-4861
Libertyville	342 Peterson Rd.	847-362-8498
Lombard	837 S. Westmore, Ste. B27	630-629-1069
Midlothian	14434 S. Pulaski	708-388-9647
Mt. Vernon	320 E. Main St.	618-244-1183
Naperville	931 W. 75th St., Ste. 161	630-355-5952
Peoria	3311 N. Sterling Ave. Sterling Bazaar Shopping Plaza	309-686-8779
Rockford	3720 E. State St.	815-394-0329
Springfield	275 Howlett Building, Second & Edwards Sts.	217-782-7065
Chicago	17 N. State St., Ste 1200	312-814-9598
Chicago Heights	570 W. 209th St.	708-481-0896
Chicago North	5401 N. Elston Ave.	773-794-5821
Chicago South	9901 S. Martin L. King Dr.	773-995-2615
Chicago West	5301 W. Lexington Ave.	773-854-4808
Schaumburg	1227 E. Golf Rd., Woodfield Commons	847-619-3318
Silvis	2001 Fifth St., Ste. 10	309-796-1321
Woodstock	428 S. Eastwood Dr.	815-338-3188

Part-time Informal Hearing Officer Locations
(1-2 days a week)

Centralia	418 S. Poplar	618-532-1551
Danville	5 E. Southgate Dr., Tilton	217-442-1564
Decatur	3149 N. Woodford St.	217-875-1650
Edwardsville	1502A Troy Rd.	618-656-8956
Elgin	595 S. State	847-697-2105
Galesburg	1066 E. Losey	309-342-1154
Lawrenceville	406 N. 15th St.	618-943-7515
Princeton	R.R. 2, Backbone Rd. East	815-875-2617
Sterling	1224 W. Fourth St.	815-626-2825
Waukegan	617 S. Green Bay Rd.	847-662-8514

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Reinstatement Granted

The following requirements must be completed within six months or you will have to start the process over:

- Provide proof of financial responsibility.
- Pay reinstatement fee.
- Complete BAIID requirements.

Authorization for New License

You will receive authorization by mail. You may be required to take a full or partial driver's license exam.

to the Terms and Definitions in this brochure for more details.

HOW TO OBTAIN A RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMIT OR REINSTATEMENT

Restricted Driving Permit (RDP)

Eligibility

Must provide proof of "undue hardship" because of employment, medical, educational, support group or court-ordered community service reasons.

Reinstatement

Eligibility

Cannot apply for reinstatement before your eligibility date.

Consultation

Contact Hearing Officer (see listing on back)

Complete Alcohol/Drug Requirements:

If your record reflects an alcohol/drug-related offense, you must complete the following requirements after your consultation:

- Complete an alcohol/drug evaluation by a Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA)-licensed provider within six months prior to your hearing date. The evaluator will classify you as one of the following:

Minimal risk:

- Must complete an alcohol/drug remedial education class by a DASA-licensed provider.

Moderate or Significant risk:

- Must complete minimal risk requirements, **AND**
- Provide proof of completion of early intervention (moderate risk) or recommended alcohol/drug treatment (significant risk) and provide continuing care status report.

High risk:

- Provide proof of completion of recommended treatment and provide continuing care status report. If non-dependent, a clinical examination of why dependency was ruled out must be provided, as well as proof of either abstinence or non-problematic use.

Dependent only:

- Provide three letters from members of your support/recovery program confirming your participation in the program.
- Provide three letters from independent sources confirming your abstinence from alcohol/drugs.

Informal or Formal Hearing

An informal hearing is for an offense that did not involve a fatality or for a single alcohol/drug-related offense. A formal hearing is for an offense involving a fatality or for multiple DUI dispositions.

RDP Granted

- Provide proof of financial responsibility within 60 days.
- Pay $8 issuance fee.
- Submit verification of employment, support/recovery group meetings, medical, educational or court-ordered community service need for RDP.
- Take driver's examination if required.
- If BAIID required, pay $240 BAIID RDP fee.

RDP

You will receive your RDP by mail. You cannot operate a motor vehicle until you have the permit in your possession. If a BAIID is required, it must be installed within 14 days of the RDP.

Denial

If denied after an informal hearing, you may apply for a formal hearing or wait 30 days from the date of the hearing for another informal hearing. If denied after a formal hearing, you must wait four months from the date of the hearing to have another hearing.

Reinstatement Granted

The following requirements must be completed within six months or you will have to start the process over:

- Provide proof of financial responsibility.
- Pay reinstatement fee.
- Complete BAIID requirements.

Authorization for New License

You will receive authorization by mail. You may be required to take a full or partial driver's license exam.

Please refer to the Terms and Definitions in this brochure for more details.

Formal Hearing Officer Locations

17 N. State St., Ste. 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
312-793-3722

275 Howlett Building
Springfield, IL 62756
217-782-7065

218 S. 12th St.
Mount Vernon, IL 62864
618-242-8986

54 N. Ottawa St., 4th Fl.
Joliet, IL 60432
815-740-7171

Any petitioner who requires a special accommodation or sign language interpreter, or who has questions regarding accessibility, may contact the appropriate office listed above by dialing 711.

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